

1 (Whereupon, the amendment was seconded.)

2 The Chair recognizes Delegate Case to speak to  
3 the amendment.

4 DELEGATE CASE: Mr. Chairman, in order that everyone  
5 can have clearly before them what the amendment says, I  
6 shall read it. It would say, "The General Assembly may  
7 provide referenda for any law establishing, empowering or  
8 dissolving popularly elected representative regional  
9 governments, or the creation or alteration of their boun-  
10 daries."

11 The purpose of the amendment is to make it clear  
12 that the permissive, and I underline the word "permissive",  
13 the permissive referendum called for in the section will  
14 relate not only to the establishing, empowering or dis-  
15 solving of the government of a popularly elected represen-  
16 tative regional government, but also will apply to the  
17 creation or alteration of their boundaries.

18 It is my understanding from the colloquy I had  
19 with the Chairman of the Commission yesterday, or of the  
20 Committee yesterday, that this was the Committee's  
21 intention. It is my judgment that the section as drawn